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FOR SCHMIDT FROM WORTZEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WHILE WE MAY NOT BE SO GOOD AT DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN
DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, WE DO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
SCHMIDT AND ANDREWS. THE SLUG IN YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL-
INFORMAL WAS AN OVERSIGHT.

2. TO GIVE YOU MORE TIME FOR SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS, THE
AMBASSADOR WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 27 (PA 67)
INSTEAD OF MARCH 1. PLEASE ADD FRANK WEIL TO THE LIST OF
FORTUNATES WHOM HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

3. THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE SEEING BERNARDIC FRIDAY
MORNING FOR A PRE-VISIT ROUNDUP. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL
IF HE COULD THEN DISCUSS THE E/C WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL (AND,
AS WELL, THE MILITARY ONE) IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO TAKE IT UP
THEN.

4. RE PARA 1 STATE 044046, WE CANNOT IMPROVE ON 1977
BELGRADE 4586 WHICH, WHILE DONE LAST JULY, IS STILL
CURRENT IN OUR VIEW AS AN ASSESSMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA AND
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5. AS FOR PARA 4 OF THAT SAME MISSIVE (YOURS, THAT IS)
WE FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT FLIGHT OPS NOW, EITHER INBOUND
OR OUTBOUND. THERE IS NO NEED TO DROP HINTS TO
STARCEVIC TO GET HIS REACTION. IT WOULD BE SHARP, AS
WOULD ANY OTHER OFFICIALS. THE AMBASSADOR WILL

DISCUSS THIS NEXT WEEK.

6. THE DEVELOPMENTS ON SUPERGUARANTEES WHICH WE HAVE REPORTED ARE, TO SAY THE LEAST, UNDESIRABLE. DURING LUNCH WITH US TODAY, STARCEVIC SEEMED GENUINELY TAKEN ABACK AT WORD OF THE FINANCE SECRETARIAT REACTION TO EXIM'S PROPOSAL, AND CLAIMED THAT FSFA HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED. IF YOU CAN GET US A QUICK RESPONSE TO OUR 1406 THE AMBASSADOR WILL GET TO SEE BERNARDIC AND/OR LONCAR, AND MAY BE ABLE TO GET A BETTER SENSE OF WHERE THE SUPERGUARANTEE ISSUE REALLY STANDS.

7. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TERRY CATHERMAN EXTENSION IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN DROPPED AND THAT HE IS RETURNING ON TIME. SO MUCH FOR THAT, AND FOR TODAY.

8. OVER THE SAME LUNCH, STARCEVIC LOBBED TWO THINGS AT US: (1) PICKING UP FROM SOME BANTER ABOUT DIPLOMATS BEING PHOTOGRAPHED IN FLAGANTE DELICTO BY OPPOSITION SERVICES, HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT HE WAS NOT PROTESTING, THAT "THE NEW YORK PEOPLE" OUGHT TO BE MORE RESTAINED IN THEIR BEHAVIOR TOWARD THEIR PEOPLE THERE. HE WAS NO MORE SPECIFIC. DOES THIS RING ANY BELLS? (2) HE SAID THAT THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE IS PLANNING A DEMONSTRATION DURING THE TITO VISIT INVOLVING 800-10000 PEOPLE.
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